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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Takashi Yokokawa et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2133  
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Application No.: 10/521,191 ) Examiner: RIZK, Samir Wadie  
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Filed: January 12, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 8642  
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For: DECODING METHOD, DECODING )  
APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM TO )  
DECODE LOW DENSITY PARITY )  
CHECK CODES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2006, the period for response to which extends through January 6, 2007, Applicants request that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.